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A financial boost from the Ministry of Health, may turn out to be an expensive one for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. A cash injection of two million dollars to keep the emergency rooms in Minden and Haliburton operating will end up costing the local health service over \$200,000.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors, it was announced that the HHHS would receive over two million dollars to boost physicians wages in the emergency department. Through the plan, doctors would receive \$110 per hour to staff the emergency departments in both hospitals. In 1999, 27 small Ontario hospitals received similar funding, but HHHS was left out and it was feared that Haliburton County could lose emergency physicians to nearby hospitals that had qualified for the funding.

Not revealed at that meeting was the stipulation that in order to qualify for the funding, the hospitals would have to provide 10 per cent of the funding amount, or just over \$100,000 per hospital. "Although the program, as structured, looks golden, it has a bit

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Haliburton celebrates Winterfest 2000



TEST PILOT: Brandon Viney (above) takes a test run on a Ski-Doo Mini Z during Haliburton's Winter Fest 2000.



SERVIN' 'EM UP: Haliburton Lions Club members Brad Tait (left) and Roy Scott helped prepare about 300 pancake and sausage breakfasts Saturday morning at the Haliburton Legion.

It was billed as 'A party you'll never forget'

Ticket holders still waiting for refunds

It may be more than a month into the new year, but individuals who are holding tickets for the New Year's Eve Party that was to be held at the Minden Community Centre are still waiting to hear from the organizer.

Paul Wilson is the disc jockey who sponsored a Millennium Eve Dance at the centre. Just before Christmas he announced he was cancelling the dance because of a dispute with the municipality, which owns the community centre. The disagreement was resolved and the disc jockey said the event was on again.

However, the day before New Year's Eve Wilson cancelled the dance, again claiming he had not sold

enough tickets to justify holding the dance. Wilson claimed only 58 tickets had been sold. Earlier, in discussion with *The Times*, Wilson said close to 200 people would be attending the dance.

Promotion for the dance indicated the evening would include music by a disc jockey, spot prizes, party favours, champagne, "a lavish hot and cold buffet", and a chance to win a \$2,000 cash prize. The promotional material said it would be... "a millennium party you'll never forget."

More than a few people in the Minden area wish they could forget the event. Milton Sheppard and his wife are two who intended ring in the

new year at the party. "It's not fair for people in the Minden area," she said. "I feel just awful. There were people like ourselves who were looking for something special to do for the millennium. We don't have money to throw away on something like this."

The Times contacted Wilson December 30 when he cancelled the event. At that time he said that each ticket holder would get a refund.

The Minden Westside Jug City Store, which acted as agent for the disc jockey, also heard from many upset ticket buyers. The company posted a notice in its store advising customers that while the store had sold the tickets, it was nothing more than an agent

and individuals looking for refunds should contact Wilson directly.

The Times made several attempts to call Paul Wilson last week. Although messages were left, he did not return our calls.

The Times is aware of others in the community who are awaiting the refunds promised for their tickets. The Sheppards were promised a refund by the middle of January while others were told they would get their money back by the end of January. "Well here we are at the start of February and I haven't heard from him," one ticket holder said. Several have suggested they are considering legal action.

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Hospital must find \$200,000 more

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of a dark cloud," said Executive Director of HHHS Foster Loucks. Over the past several months the HHHS has topped up the difference in wages for physicians.

Dr. Bob Heyes, of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre spoke to the board. He stated that he did not remember any mention of this condition in any of the information on the payment plan. Heyes felt it didn't make sense for hospitals of such a small size to have to provide that amount of money. Heyes did, however, report that it was felt that although the set wage may reduce income from the summer months, this program would be of benefit to the physicians. "I think our group is in favour of this," said Heyes.

The doctor also reported on the creation of a walk-in clinic at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, which was hoped to alleviate the emergency rooms of some of the more minor complaints of residents, such as colds and flu.

Board member, Hugh Nichol, was concerned about how the board would come up with the over \$200,000 needed to comply with the payment plan agreement. "I don't know why the hospitals are jumping for joy," he said. Board Chair, Dave Coulson, preferred to look at this as the Ministry of Health's way of guaranteeing 24 hour emergency care in Haliburton County. He felt that this was a deal, but that the board would continue to pressure the Ministry to look at other methods of payment that would not stress the hospital budget.



A LEGION OF KINDNESS: Maurice Winterflood, president of the Minden branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, had the honour of presenting Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Treasurer Joanne Camelon with a cheque for \$10,000. The money was donated by the Legion Charitable Foundation, the national body, which uses money from poppy donations to distribute to community projects such as the Minden and Haliburton hospital capital project.

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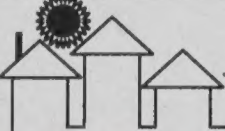
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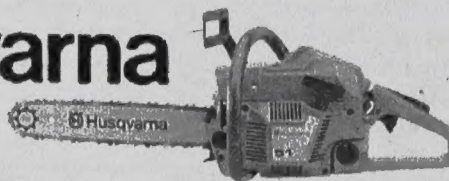
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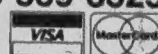
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You may be doing deer a big favour by NOT feeding them this winter

by Mike Grinnell, HHOA Director

Most people like to feed the deer during the winter. They like to see the deer running around outside their home or cottage and they think that the deer will probably die if they're not looked after.

While it is nice to see the deer outside, to feed them because you think they may die if not looked after can be a very serious mistake.

Haliburton County is at the northern limit of the deer's range and our deer have learned to adapt extremely well to this winter climate.

During the long, cold winter, deer change their living environment, their activity levels, and their feeding habits. Late in the fall, the deer move to what are known as deer "yards" and stay in these yards until late April or early May. The yards contain the deer's favorite food - conifer browse such as cedar, hemlock, spruce, balsam, and pine. The yards also offer protection from deep snow build-ups so that the deer can move about more readily. The deer lower their metabolism and actually require less food in order to survive. Because of the lower amounts of nourishing foods available during the winter, deer also conserve their energy by moving about less frequently.

Unless the winter months are ex-

tremely harsh, with a combination of persistently low temperatures, deep crusty snow accumulations, combined with an actual shortage of food, they are rarely in any jeopardy.

While the primary advantage of winter feeding is to prevent starvation in herds, there are several real disadvantages that must be addressed.

These disadvantages are that the yards become strained; forage is depleted because of increased feeding density; deer have a lower survival rate; lower productivity; and deer body sizes get smaller. They also may become dependent on human provided food and unable to feed for themselves. They lose the protection and benefits the yards offer, since they leave their yards to go where the food is being provided.

In addition, if deer are not fed the correct food, in the correct amounts, they may become ill or die.

Types of feeding

It is important to know that there are two types of winter feeding practiced. One type is supplementary feeding, in which the deer are fed food to augment their natural food supply throughout the entire winter. This is normally done where a deer yard does not have sufficient natural food available. Supplementary feeding commences prior to

snowfall and continues until natural vegetation (grasses etc.) green up in the spring.

The second type of feeding is emergency feeding, where food is supplied when natural food is not available. Emergency feeding is carried out at the end of a severe or prolonged winter, especially when snow depths restrict access to natural food. Late February,

March, and even until green up in April, is a critical time for deer.

Supplementary feeding, if not properly done, can cause the deer to experience many of the disadvantages noted above. The critical factor here is that once supplementary feeding is started, it cannot be stopped, or the deer can become ill. Feeding must continue over

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Feeding deer in the winter could cause them more harm than good.

Staff praised after hospital move

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board has congratulated the staff on the recent successful move of patients and equipment, from the old Haliburton hospital wing to the new long term care facility, while the hospital section is undergoing renovation. It was noted that although there were a few kinks to work out of the system, staff from Haliburton, Minden and Hyland Crest worked together to help with the preparation and the move. Board members were extremely pleased with the extra effort put forth by staff members.

Among the recommendations to come out of the transfer of acute care patients to the long-term care wing in Haliburton is not to complete the transfer on a Friday. Hospital staff reported that some inevitable problems generated by the move were left unattended to for several days because the move occurred just before a weekend.

Another move, much larger than the latest, will

take place in the spring, as the residents of Hyland Crest are moved into the new Long Term Care wing at the Minden site. Board Member Betty Moffatt noted that residents' family members and friends were already signing up to help with that move.

Foundation transfer

Dale Walker, managing director of the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation and Gord Monk, chair of the foundation, presented a cheque for \$50,000 to Dave Coulson, chair of the hospital board at its meeting January 27. The foundation is the fund-raising arm of the hospital board. Walker noted that the Christmas Campaign had gone very well, raising \$33,000. Dave Coulson joked that Walker could open every meeting of the board in a similar fashion.

Times publisher receives award

The publisher of The Times, Jack Brezina, has been named the recipient of the Mary Knowles Award for Community Service. The award is presented annually by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association to honour members of the industry who are active participants in their communities.

Brezina was nominated by his staff, with supporting documentation from the Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the HHHS Foundation.

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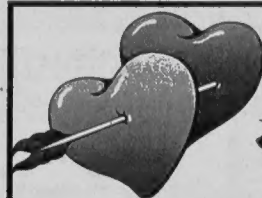
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Sponsored by the Haliburton Pipes and Drums, the evening was a fun-filled mixture of Scottish dancing, music and food. The menu included the traditional haggis which was welcomed into the hall with the

address penned by Burns, recited by Bill Elliott.

Two year old Sydney Murchison, left, dressed for the occasion in kilt and sweater with a sheep design, keeps an eye on the entertainment, while the grand march, below, is led by Helen and Bill Elliott and Elinor and Earl Cooper.

(Photos by Ariel White)



Minden Snowfest set for February 26

Thanks to the efforts of the new Minden Business Association, the community will once again have an opportunity to enjoy a winter carnival.

Dubbed Minden Snowfest, the fun-filled day is scheduled for Saturday, February 26. Eric Beaulieu, co-ordinator for the business association, said enthusiasm among the merchants is growing for the event and they hope residents and visitors will get involved as well.

The tentative Snowfest line-up includes a variety of event such as a snowman making contest for groups, individuals and businesses, cross country ski races, a poker run for snowmobilers, snowshoe races, ice sculptures and exhibits in the downtown area.

Events are also planned for the fairgrounds. In addition to the ice car racing, there will dog sled rides, Kitty Kat (child size snowmobile) rides and an open house at the Curling Club. Some events are still in the planning stage and will be announced as the event draws closer.

Beaulieu said the organizers are looking for volunteers to assist with the various events. Anyone wishing to help out or who may have exhibits can give him a call at 286-4950. Watch for further details in The Times.



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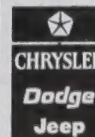
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Checkerered flag for races

It is amazing what a little snow can do.

The economy was looking a little bleak in mid January when mild temperatures wiped out what little snow there was in the Highlands. Snowmobile trails went ungroomed, cross country skiers were talking shop not trails and the ice racing track in Minden was silent.

In the past two weeks however, the temperatures have held and the snow has returned, not in abundance, but in enough quantity to get the outdoor

winter recreation scene started again. At the Minden Fairgrounds, with the help of the municipality and others, the banks of the race track have been created allowing the racing season to get underway, much to the delight of those who rely on visitors to buoy the local economy.

The extra help is certainly appreciated because this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of car racing on ice in Minden. For a quarter of a century this sport has attracted racers from throughout southern Ontario to our community to test their skills

on the ice track. The Minden Kinsmen Club has been an enthusiastic supporter of this event, overseeing the preparation of the track and ensuring there were facilities in place to make the racers welcome and as comfortable as possible. With the leadership of Tom Prentice, who can be found behind the wheel of one of those cars skidding around the track each weekend, ice racing has become a fixture and important element in this area's winter recreation.

We salute the efforts of everyone involved in this exciting sport. Here's to 25 years of great racing and to many more victory laps around the track.

jb

Restructuring in the hands of a commissioner

Recently many people have contacted my office with concerns about both the action and inaction on any restructuring that is to take place in Victoria County.

Over the past several years, our local municipal governments have been reviewing and discussing the possible solutions for restructuring. Unfortunately our municipal leaders have been unable to come to any final decision, resulting in the request for a commissioner to be appointed.

Unlike the City of Toronto and regional governments, under Bill 26, 1995, rural areas like Victoria County are protected from having a solution imposed upon them by the province.

Under the legislation, a solution had to be achieved locally, or if it is felt that this could not be achieved a commissioner can be requested. This protects areas like Victoria County from having a made in Queen's Park solution forced upon them.

With the request for a commissioner coming from the democratically elected Township of Emily with support from the Town of Lindsay, on December 15, 1999, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced Ontario's seventh municipal restructuring commission.

Mr. Harry Kitchen, a professor of economics at Trent University for the last 32 years, will lead the restructuring

commission. Professor Kitchen has written more than 70 articles, reports and books on local government structure and finance and has done a considerable amount of consultation and

Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP

research for all levels of government.

In order to ensure that the interests of the public are at the forefront of any restructuring decision, a set of Terms of Reference will guide the commission. The mandate of the terms of reference will require and allow:

- A review of all previous studies
- Consultation with each municipality in Victoria County when developing the restructuring proposal
- The preparation of a draft proposal for inspection by each municipality and the public
- That at least one public meeting be held, allowing presentations by those in attendance to be made (Mr. Kitchen has already met with several public groups and will be meeting with more)
- The commission will invite written submissions about the draft proposal

In addition to these requirements for public input, the commission will

adhere to the following principles:

- A move to less government, meaning fewer municipalities, reduced municipal spending, fewer elected representatives and reduced special purpose bodies.
- The requirement of an effective representation system that is accountable, accessible, representative of the population served and of a size that permits efficient priority setting.
- The achievement of the best value for taxpayer dollars with efficient service delivery, reduced duplication and overlap, and possesses the ability to capture the costs and benefits of municipal services within the same jurisdiction.
- Has the ability to provide municipal services from municipal resources, creating local self-reliance to finance municipal services.
- Creates a supportive environment for job creation, investment and economic growth through streamlined, simplified government and the provision of high quality services at the lowest possible cost.

The commission operates at arms-length from the government, and the decision of the commissioner in terms of the future shape of Victoria County is binding. However, I am confident that Mr. Kitchen, who knows the area well will address the various possibilities for restructuring and arrive at a solution that

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Ecology at risk with improved access

Editor:

Regarding the proposed boat launch expansion on Kabakwa (Peach) Lake:

I'm very concerned that an enlargement of the public access site on Kabakwa will put the tenuous ecology of the area at great risk. There are many cottagers on the lake who have tried, over the years, to discourage the use of large motor boats on such a small lake, to encourage a more user-friendly, appreciative relationship with the environment. One sometimes feels that ecological concerns are shrugged off, felt to be the domain of bleeding heart liberals. The excessive use of motor boats is felt, apparently by many, to be a right which they intend to blithely pass on to their children, along with a blind eye to the degradation of the ecosystem. Even more troubling is the fact that the government of the area appears,

in this case, to support and encourage this short-sighted attitude.

The public access to the lake is situated next to the least populated stretch of shoreline, a marshy area where the loons make their nest. It is very possible that excessive use of that area will make breeding impossible.

Surely anyone who has spent time in the Haliburton area understands what a profound loss that would be. I can imagine few things which would fill me with a deeper sense of regret than to lose the loons, and know that I might have been able to say or do something to stop it.

Currently the public access is readily usable by those who wish to bring in canoes, small fishing boats, or small sail boats — such people would not benefit from an influx of the larger motor boats which this proposal seems to be geared to encourage. In addition,

our fear of zebra mussel infestation will increase dramatically if this proposal comes to fruition.

I've spent 45 years admiring and wishing to preserve the tremendous beauty of the area. I've had to concede that there will always be some people who don't slow down to appreciate the silence and natural splendour of what we have, who look at an expanse of fresh water and see an opportunity to make a deafening noise and fill the air with gas fumes. I wish it were not the case, and hope that attitudes will soon grow out of this short-sighted, adrenaline-seeking, adolescent phase.

In the meantime it would help if the Stanhope Council and Parks and Recreation felt that conservation might be the rational priority of the sane.

Nan Love,
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Health system in turmoil

Hey folks, we hit the big time. Canada, I mean.

Yep, got ourselves a four-column, nearly full-page spread on Page Three of the Sunday New York Times. Why, the editors even added a little Map of Canada insert, so that readers of the paper would have a good idea of where Canada is.

And what got us the attention of the most influential newspaper in the English-speaking world? Was it a story about our prodigies - Gretzky? Dion? McLuhan? Nope.

Was it a story about Vancouver being the only North American city to be voted best burg in the world? Nope.

It was a story about our Health Care System. In case you haven't run afoul of it lately, you need to know that Canada's Health Care System is a joke. Even the readers of the New York Times know that now.

Actually, I jest. Everybody knows Canada's Health Care System is pathetic, an international laughing stock. Everybody, save it seems, a few elected officials in Ottawa.

How did this happen? It wasn't so long ago that our Universal Free Health Care system was the envy of the world. Hell, Americans came up here to see how it worked and how they could copy it. But then the government bean counters moved in, carrying fire axes. Hospital beds were, as they like to say, downsized. New medical equipment was put on hold, and as many employees as they could slash were put on ice.

Care to hear the numbers? In the last few years, four thousand, eight hundred doctors and nurses were bought out, given early retirement. Nearly five thousand medical pros - and folks that's only in the province of Quebec. Same story all over the country. In Ontario, 44 hospitals closed.

In Montreal, the waiting lists for chemotherapy treatments for breast and prostate cancer victims now stand at four months, if you're lucky. In British Columbia nobody knows exactly how long the wait list - but if you join the queue you will find 670 people ahead of you.

Are Canadian medical professionals discouraged? Sure are - the ones that are left anyway. In the last few years more than one thousand Canadian doctors and six thousand overworked nurses said The Hell with it, packed their bags and went south. Hard to guess how long the remaining medical staff can last. To say that they're overworked is a cruel understatement. Two weeks ago, 23 of Toronto's 25 hospitals turned ambulances away. Hospitals turning away ambulances. Even a mordant satirist like Joseph Heller would never have come up with that.

And how has this played out for the American medical system, which Canadians used to tut-tut and dismiss condescendingly? Like gold-plated bedpans dropping from the sky. In Canada, our hospital corridors are clogged with patients there's no room for. In the States, they're reaping the benefits of a medical system in freefall.

A couple of years ago, the hospital in Plattsburg, New York was about to close its cancer unit. Not enough customers.

Then Montrealers, fed up with the constipated dog's breakfast that is our Health Care system, began crossing the border, streaming south, wallets in hand.

The hospital in Plattsburg has just invested a half a million dollars in new equipment to handle the snowbirds.

I have only one question for the

Chretiens and the Martins, the Ralph Kleins and the Mike Harris': when you started cashiering doctors and nurses, mothballing hospitals, getting rid of beds, cutting the number of spaces for students in our medical schools - just what the hell did you think would happen?

Hard to guess whether the politicians thought much about it at all. Last month, an apologist for our National Health Fiasco told reporters, quote "the social equity of our health system reflects our Canadian values."

Know who said that? Allan Rock, Canada's Federal Health Minister.

Anatole France wrote: "the law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets and to steal bread."

Not much of a silver lining on this commentary - maybe we can take a little comfort from the ingenuity some of our fellow citizens have shown in making what's left of our Health Care system work. One beleaguered patient in Ontario recently grew weary of waiting month upon month for the magnetic resonance imaging tests he needed. So he checked around, found out that veterinarians are exempt from the burial shroud that Canada's health safety net has become. Veterinarians can operate privately. For cash. Outside the system.

Which is how our patient finally got the magnetic imaging test he needed. He reserved a session for himself...at a private animal hospital. The name he wrote on the hospital admission form?

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You know what folks?

We paid for this joke of a Health System... you and I. With our taxes.

In good faith.

And we wuz robbed.

Arthur Black Etcetera

Prison management should be about more than money

Editor:

I am writing this letter following the meeting on January 28 of the Corrections Facility Public Liaison Committee which I attended. I would like to address several issues which were discussed at the meeting.

First, I would like to thank the members for a job well done. The emerging controversy surrounding the correctional facility is not their creation and yet they are being forced to deal with the community feedback. Given the circumstances, they are doing a great job. Secondly, I would like to state that this issue is not simply about the Ontario Public Service Employee Union, it is about community.

In a press release issued by Chris Hodgson MPP, he states the operation of the Lindsay facility should be about "how it is run, not who runs it."

The statement is wrong. How a facility is run is completely dependent on who runs it.

Such a facility needs to be run by professional, well trained, seasoned correctional officers. Only then will public safety issues be put to rest. Only then will the years of experience from our publicly run facilities be put to use in the new larger facilities. Turning the operation over to a private company removes accountability from the government, it removes direct input from the community and makes profit the bottom line.

I am saying this after examining the extensive information available regarding privately run prison facilities in the United States. Information that proves that correction for profit is only feasible when corners are cut. Those corners tend to be guards, training, rehabilitation and security.

That is simply unacceptable for the community. Your voice must be heard, loud and clear.

Dave Levac, MPP, (Liberal) Brant.

Decision is binding

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will meet the needs of the residents of Victoria County.

I appreciate you taking the time to inform me of your opinions on this matter. I will be sure to keep your concerns in mind when I have the opportunity to speak to Mr. Kitchen. However, as the commission was locally requested, and the decision of the commissioner is binding, I would urge you to make your views known to Mr. Kitchen.

Professor Harry Kitchen, Commissioner Victoria County can be reached at 705-748-1220 or by email at hkitchen@trentu.ca

I look forward to working on your behalf on this and many other issues. If there is anything further I can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. (1-800-424-6938).

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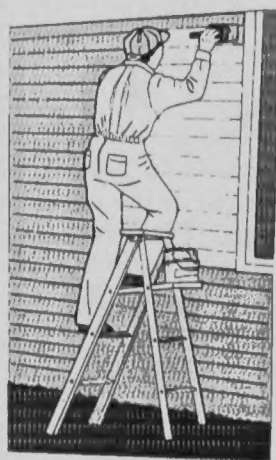
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Sports

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Year 2000 last chance for Minden Minor Softball

by Jerry Grozelle

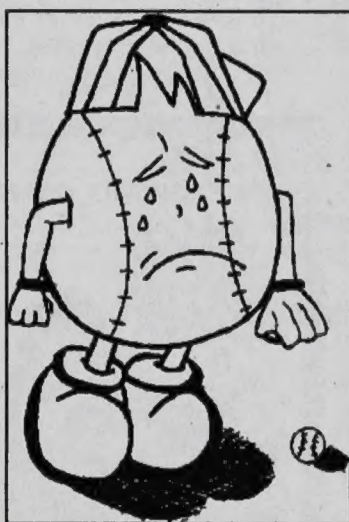
The executive of the Minden Minor Softball Association is going to make one more attempt to organize a softball season. The 1999 season was cancelled when registrations fell short of the numbers needed to form the various leagues. About 75 youngsters were signed up last year but the age range was such that there were not enough in any one age group to form a league. That left 75 would-be softball and T-ball players disappointed.

The Minor Softball executive is also in need of some new faces. The executive has dwindled to five people, including Grant and Sheila Shaw, John Muise, Jean Draker and Maggie Broersma.

"We need some new blood -- some new ideas," said Grant Shaw.

Shaw said he doesn't understand why the number of players has decreased over the past couple of years.

To determine if there is enough interest to proceed with the organization of Minden Minor Softball for the summer of 2000, the executive will be conducting a poll. Parents with children interested in participating this year are asked to contact Grant or Sheila Shaw at 286-4240 or by e-mail at: true_north47@yahoo.com. Respondents should provide the number and ages of the children who want to play, as well as a contact phone number. The executive would also like to know if a parent or older sibling is interested in helping with coaching or assisting with organization and chores



The Minden Minor Softball mascot is looking sad after a year away from the sport.

on tournament day at the end of the season.

The league runs from May to the end of July, leaving the month of August for families to plan holidays.

The association's executive doesn't want to see more than 10 years of operation come to an end. Equipment has been gathered and sponsors have been very generous in the past. This year will be the last attempt by the executive to organize a minor softball league. If the response is not sufficient to form enough teams for some competition, the Association will disband and any remaining funds will be donated to charity.

Shaw pointed out that registration is not expensive and depending on the number of children in a family who play, it could be as few as one evening per week.

"There is no travel involved," Shaw said. "All the games are in Minden."

Posters will be placed throughout the Minden area asking for a response from parents. If the desired response is forthcoming, registration dates will be set and advertised.

"Minden Minor Softball would be proud to say 'lets play ball' this year, but without the participation of the kids and parents, it won't be possible," is the message the executive of the Association is trying to get across.

If the Minden Minor Softball Association is going to continue to provide the opportunity for area youngsters to enjoy the sport, it is imperative that local families make their interest known within the next few weeks so the executive of the Association can start the organization process.



Winter Mixed Bonspiel winners

The top team of the Minden Winter Mixed Curling Bonspiel was the Ted Wilkes rink. Doug Brown (left) presented the Club Trophy to skip Ted Wilkes, vice Joan Davies, second Dave McKay and lead Ruby Wilkes. The bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 28, 29 and 30. Watch next week's issue of The Times for photos of the other flight winners.

Senior curling

Jack Taylor's rink wins Inter-Club Bonspiel in Haliburton

Jack Taylor's rink from Minden was the overall winner of the Senior Mixed Interclub Bonspiel in Haliburton on January 19. Taylor's team, including vice Ruby Wilkes, second Jack Robson and lead Marilyn Burrows, also took first place in the second draw.

First place in the first draw went to the Minden rink skipped by Gail Grainger. Her team included vice Jim Burrows, second Nancy Ballentyne and lead Andy Bowin.

Second place in the first draw went to the Haliburton team of skip P. Woodcock, vice Bill Attridge, second

Donna Smith and lead R. Hutchinson.

The Minden rink of skip Joan Davies, vice Tom MacCartney, second Doris Ogley and lead Jim Corbett placed third in the first draw.

Second place in the second draw went to the Haliburton team of skip Ken Wilson, vice Joan Hooper, second Cliff Smith and lead Freda Norman.

Skip Cheryl Murdoch, vice Stan Hill, second Julie Groff and lead Don Ballentyne placed third.

Marilyn Burrows and Winn Taylor did an excellent job of organizing the event.

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Pre-season nordic ski trail work pays dividends

In science, they say that even a midget who stands on the shoulders of a giant can see farther, so even minor researchers can make great discoveries that change the world. So it is with skiing, and low snow conditions prove that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who prepared the way before us. Over the past decade, countless hours have been devoted to improving the trails we use. The result is that good skiing can now be had because of those who donated some time to picking rocks, raking and shoveling.

Every rock picked means that we can do more with less snow, and so it is in years with little snow that we should thank all who took a bit of holiday or weekend time to make sure it is easier to get on snow. This winter reminds us

that getting out for a day or two of raking or rock-picking is not just good for strengthening the back or biceps, it also ensures a maximum of winter fun.

Winter, cruel mistress that she is, recently sent a life-preserver for the desperate, and not a moment too soon, either. Unfortunately, it was not in time for the Haliburton Invitational. The snow came one day too late to save what would have been a great race, scheduled for January 23.

Fortunately, we can look forward to the OUA (Ontario University) Championships on the 12th and 13th of February. This will be a rare chance to glimpse some great skiers. Also, young hotshots can participate in one of the newest sports to

achieve medal status at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City in 2002 -- sprint ski racing.

This new event welcomes all comers to a new short-course format at Glebe Park on February 13. Skiers will go head-to-head on an 800 metre course to determine who is this fastest on a short course. At Salt Lake City, this event will make its debut as a medal event, so make plans now to see the new event in its infancy (or why not jump into the fray?). Cash prizes will motivate the contestants, and this new discipline promises to add some spills and chills to a sport that is identified with traditional distance events.

In a sense, this new trend represents the Rock 'n Roll spirit in cross-country competition, and organizers are trying to make sure that these new events capture the imagination of the toughest and strongest young skiers.

Elsewhere, skiers are reminded that some people who own large grassy areas are not always keen to have skiers use them in winter for training purposes, so it's best check before you train on someone else's golf course.

Meanwhile, remember the mantra: "more snow, more cold." Repeat it often.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

Central Ontario Wolves take East Division lead

by Sue Clarkson

Suspensions from a recent tournament resulted in the Central Ontario Wolves Midget hockey team having a shortened bench for the league game against the Markham Waxers. The Wolves ended up losing by a 3-2 score in this very chippy match. Because of an early curfew, the last six minutes of the game were played when the two teams met again. The score remained the same despite non-stop pressure on the Waxers' goaltender.

What might have been the Wolves' best game of the year was played against Oshawa. Oshawa had been in first place until early January when the Wolves nipped past their rivals. Haliburton

County Wolves players Travis Bain and Chris Petrow helped round out the bench. The Wolves won this game 3-1. A lack of penalties helped put this one away.

The final meeting of the season with the Whitby Wildcats saw the Wolves down early and having to struggle back to tie the game at 3-3.

Another contest against the Waxers rounded out the week's action for the Wolves. The Wolves ended up with a 2-1 win in this fast paced, exciting encounter.

Local Highlands point-getters were Jarrett Rowden with four assists and Travis Bain and Gary Kernohan with one assist each.

The Central Ontario Wolves Midgets remain in first place in the east division and third overall.

Ken Thompson rolls 296 single

Carnarvon Bowling Leagues

Wednesday Afternoon League
High average: Ken Thompson 235; Marie Thompson 186
High single: John Pugh 268; Jean Pugh 238
High single (handicap): John Pugh 303; Jean Pugh 292
High triple: John Pugh 683; Jean Pugh 573
High triple (handicap): John Pugh 788; Jean Pugh 735

Thursday Afternoon Mixed League

High average: Ken Thompson 226; Josie Cheesman 174
High single: Ken Thompson 296; Josie Cheesman 236
High single (handicap): Doug Burch 262; Maraylene Welch 277
High triple: Doug Burch 645; Maraylene Welch 626
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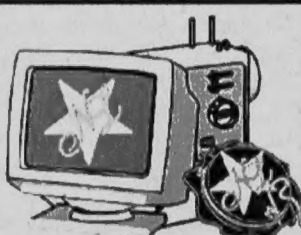
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The Novice "A" Hockey Team

Cathy Snell, Scott Moore, Alex Little roll 300+

Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Fred Knight 184; Leitha Kuchalema 167

High single: Fred Knight 230; Pat Roussell 196

High single (handicap): Wally Oakley 285; June Anderson 265

High triple: Pat Scadden 537; Sheila Burke 526

High triple (handicap): Pat Scadden 741; June Anderson 727

Monday Night Mixed League

(January 24)

High average: Scott Moore 235; Michelle Moore 204

High single: Scott Moore 320; Teresa Clement 221

High single (POA): Bill Hogg +27; June Philip +38

High triple: Scott Moore 786; Teresa Clement 568

High triple (POA): Craig Philip +67; Cindy Hogg +69

Monday Night Mixed League

(January 31)

High average: Scott Moore 234; Michelle Moore 205

High single: Doug Schell 233; Michelle Moore 232

High single (POA): Craig Philip +49; Tracy Cole +33

High triple: Scott Moore 654; Michelle Moore 633

High triple (POA): Doug Schell +130; Tracy Cole +21

Tuesday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Bob Bullen 192; Theresa Fox 167

High single: Nev Whiteside 198; Eleanor Young 202

High single (handicap): Dalton Platt 226; Keneta Grober 252

High triple: Vince Connaughan 509; Theresa Fox 505

High triple (handicap): Ron Earle 706; Eleanor Young 744

The Tuesday Afternoon League welcomes Nev and Kathy Whiteside.

Tuesday Night Mixed League

High average: Walt Stegmaier 228; Cathy Snell 241

High single: Alex Little 341; Cathy Snell 315

High single (handicap): Len Punt Sr. 340; Gina Teljeur 282

High triple: Alex Little 871; Cathy Snell 760

High triple (handicap): Len Punt Sr. 845

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League

High average: Ray Lymer 198; Helen Dentinger 169

High single: Ray Lymer 273; Janice Hughes 206

High single (handicap): Fred Lewis 311; Janice Hughes 253

High triple: Ray Lymer 694; Janice Hughes 538

High triple (handicap): Fred Lewis 812; Gladys Wruth 696

Thursday Night Mixed League

(January 20)

High average: Scott Moore 229; Michelle Moore 217

High single: Rick Ratcliff 339; Michelle Moore 291

High single (handicap): Rick Ratcliff 383; Michelle Moore 299

High triple: Doug Reinwald 750; Michelle Moore 728

High triple (handicap): Doug Reinwald 798; Michelle Moore 752

Men's Match Play

(January 24)

High average: Scott Moore 243

High single: Len Punt Jr. 279

High single (handicap): Len Punt Jr. 301

High triple: Walt Stegmaier 687

High triple (handicap): Walt Stegmaier 720

Men's Match Play

High average: Scott Moore 241

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High average: Bailey Cole 65

Peewee

High average: Eric Whitty 102; Hillary Anderson 90
High single: Eric Whitty 139; Karen Prozak 90
High double: Eric Whitty 250; Hillary Anderson 172

Junior

High average: Brad Mickel 170; Lesley Cox 143
High single: Joey Cox 212; Lesley Cox 182
High single (handicap): Joey Cox 243; Lesley Cox 228
High triple: Joey Cox 537; Lesley Cox 468
High triple (handicap): Lesley Cox 630; Lesley Cox 606

Senior

High average: Matt Reinwald 202; Kelly Berry 168
High single: Trevor Clement 259; Kelly Berry 217
High single (handicap): Trevor Clement 270; Kelly Berry 243
High triple: Trevor Clement 640; Kelly Berry 540
High triple (handicap): Matt Hogg 677; Kelly Berry 618

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High triple: Jake Walker 421; Tori Brown 371

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Men's 'Rockbuster' Bonspiel set for February 18, 19 and 20

by Sandy Cole

Hats off to a 'spiel well done. Spectators sure had lots of great competition to watch during the Minden Winter Mixed bonspiel, held January 28, 29 and 30. The competition was excellent, with many games going to the wire. The food was delectable, from the morning goodies through lunch and ending with a delicious roast beef dinner.

The prize table was loaded with excellent gifts, which were purchased throughout the village. Many thanks to all who donated their time and energy to make the event run smoothly. Extra thanks to those who donated prizes and sponsored the trophies. Without your kind support 16 teams (64-

plus people) would not have been in Minden to curl for the weekend. I hope all the participants will tell their families and friends of the business support and return in kind their patronage.

Get ready fellows, because it will soon be "Rockbuster" time. If you don't have your team signed up now, you had better get it done or you may find yourself left out. Many of the 'spiels this year have filled up fast.

Remember news of good times travels fast!

Ladies, remember to get your recipes in for the publication of the Minden Curling Club cookbook. A reminder that the Awards Banquet is on April 15 not the 22nd, as printed on the schedule.



League Scores for January 24 to 28.

Monday Night Ladies'

Pat Campbell 9, Irene Alexander 4
Sharon Kernohan 7, Pat Woodcroft 7
Sandy Cole 9, Cheryl Murdoch 5
Melanie Vigrass 6, Gail Grainger 3

Tuesday Night Men's

Rob Eaton 10, Jason Scott 4
Ted Wilkes 11, Dwight Thomas 2
Bill Roodenburg 6, Dave McAdam 5
Jack Woodcroft 7, Alf Trotter 7

Thursday Night Mixed

Cheryl Murdoch 9, Gord Wood 2
Gail Grainger 6, Ted Wilkes 6
Melanie Vigrass 10, Pat Woodcroft 9
Alf Trotter 12, Jason Scott 4
Ross Davies 7, Keith Oitment 5

Friday Night Mixed

Paul Prentice 16, Bill Roodenburg 6
Sharon Kernohan 15, Rob Eaton 10
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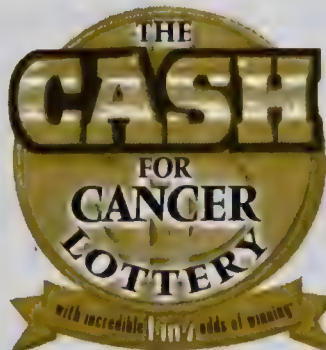
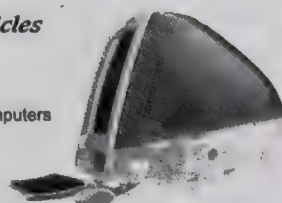


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Tri-County Atoms win two

by Donna Fry

The Minden Monarchs Tri-County Atom hockey team played host to Woodville On Saturday, January 8. In the first minute of play, Jake Ruddy battled for the puck along the boards and managed a perfect pass to Kyle Fry, who took in for the shot, then the rebound. Zach Pierson found the mark on the second rebound, putting Minden on the scoreboard.

Less than a minute later, Jason Lougheed waited patiently with the puck behind the Woodville net until he could pass it in to Derek Nesbitt, who beat the Woodville goalie giving Minden a 2-0 lead. Still in the first, Mackie Campbell carried the puck up and passed it to Derek Nesbitt, who found the five-hole for his second goal of the game. When the referee penalized Kelly Muir for her aggressive play in front of the Minden net, Steve Kerr pitched in on defence with Billy Kulas and Stephen Roome to shut down the Woodville power play.

It looked like Minden was going to dominate, but the game turned physical, and the Minden

players found themselves short-handed for a good part of the second period. It wasn't until halfway through the third that Woodville was able to get on the scoreboard.

Woodville had a chance late in the third, when a scuffle in front of the Woodville goalie landed Kyle Fry in the penalty box for roughing. But Mike Toye stayed focused in the Minden net, and stopped the Woodville attackers and Minden earned the 3-1 win over Woodville.

The next day, Minden traveled to Cannington for a late-night match with the Kings.

Steve Kerr set the tone early in the first period, with a hard shot from the point, but was denied by the Cannington goalie. Zach Pierson nailed Minden's first goal on a shot along the ice through the five-hole as a Cannington player screened the goalie. Jake Findeis and Mackie Campbell picked up the assists.

Mike Toye came up big in net, stopping a wildly rolling puck on a Minden penalty kill.

With 9 seconds left in the first, Tyler Box made the perfect shot on a pass from Derek Nesbitt to put Minden up 2-0 heading

into the second.

Halfway through the second, Zach Pierson, facing two Cannington defencemen, made a beautiful pass to Kyle Fry, who was in the clear. Fry hit the top corner to give the Monarchs their third. Jake Findeis also picked up an assist on the play.

Just minutes later, Derek Nesbitt fought off two defencemen, and somehow got a shot away that found the corner of the net, putting Minden up 4-0.

Billy Kulas continued to play one of his best games of the year on defense, stopping the Cannington attackers repeatedly and moving the puck up to create scoring chances for Minden.

In the dying seconds, Kelly Muir passed to Kyle Fry, whose shot was stopped, but Jake Findeis was there for the rebound, scoring Minden's fifth of the game.

In the third, Derek Nesbitt's shot rang off the post, but Jason Lougheed dove in for the

rebound, hitting the puck in mid-air, and scoring before crashing into the boards.

With only a few minutes left in the game, Cannington was able to get on the board, but Minden recorded a 6-1 victory over Cannington.

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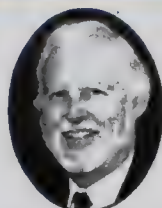
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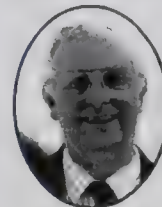
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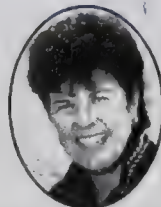
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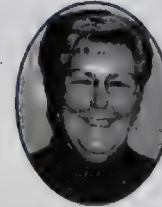
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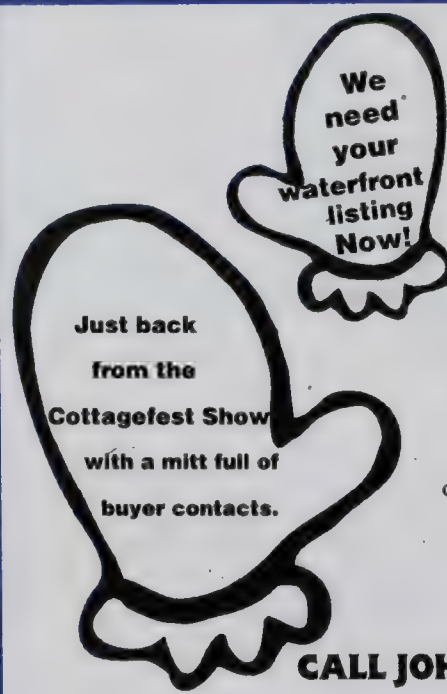
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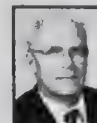
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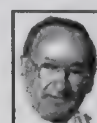
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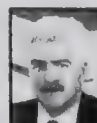
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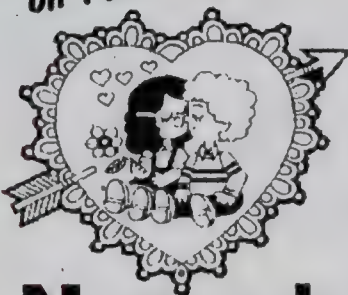
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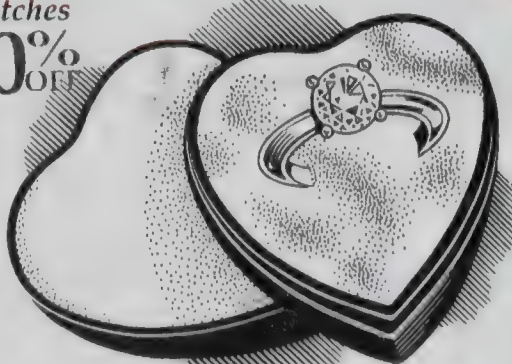
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Extra feeding could harm the deer population

(from page 3)

the course of the winter.

This means that deer cannot be fed just on weekends. It also means that if you are feeding deer, and decide to go south for a vacation, you must find someone who will faithfully continue feeding while you are away.

Landowners and concerned citizens can assist deer in winter by breaking trails with snowmobiles or snowshoes. Trail breaking reduces energy requirements for deer, and mimics a deer's natural adaptation to winter conditions. Cutting browse provides an immediate food source from the tops and encourages sucker growth to provide a food source for five to ten years.

Landowners planning to harvest timber could schedule the cutting to take place in the winter to benefit deer. Logging operations break trails and provides an immediate food source from the tops. In the longer term, openings in the forest canopy encourage regeneration that is a long term food source for deer. Landowners should remember to retain as much conifer cover as practical to provide shelter from snow.

If you are feeding deer, a factor that cannot be overlooked is the cost of providing the correct deer food. A mixture of corn and oats, in a 50/50 ratio is the best food to feed deer. The corn, however, must be whole kernels, to prevent the deer from ingesting too much starch. One deer requires about one pound-size margarine container per day. While this may not seem like much food, remember that over the course of a winter, a lot of food will be consumed – more than most people realize.

Providing food can be very time consuming and substantial physical work is required in obtaining, lifting, carrying, and placing the food – in all kinds of weather.

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Thieves target snowmobiles

Victoria County OPP were called to the scene of the theft of two snowmobiles that occurred sometime in the past two weeks. The owners of a cottage on Shadow Lake Road advised police they found that the garage had been entered and two 2000 Polaris 500 Indy snow machines had been driven away. The value of the stolen sleds was set at about \$20,000.

However small the snowfall has been, Victoria County suffers every year from criminals taking snowmobiles. Quite often these machines are taken a distance away and used or sold. Other times the machines are taken for joy rides and left abandoned in secluded areas.

Anyone with information concerning these incidents is asked to call Victoria County OPP or Lindsay and Area Crime Stoppers.

not stop once you start!

When to feed

The decision is not one that most people can readily make!

In-depth knowledge of the exact requirements for feeding is necessary. Factors such as herd condition and yard carrying capacities as well as a scientific interpretation of weather conditions, including length of the winter season, snow depth, snow penetration and chill factors, is required before a decision to feed can be made.

If you want to feed deer, your first decision should be to call someone who knows whether or not the deer

should be fed. Once you have reviewed your plans, you may then make an informed decision.

Area deer herds are becoming more widely dispersed across the county and the animals are not traveling to traditional yards as they did formerly.

Localized counts needed

To improve long term deer herd management, and to help us find these dispersed deer in the event of the need for emergency feeding, there is a requirement to catalogue or map these localized deer herds.

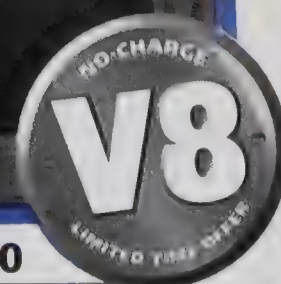
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Association is proceeding to gather information on deer herding across Haliburton County and asks your assistance in reporting locations where there are a dozen or more deer wintering close to your home or cottage. Detailed descriptions of location such as "east side of lake" or by lot, concession, and township.

If you have questions or need more information, or wish to participate in our information gathering, please contact the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association at 705-457-9664, Keith Harrison at 754-4428 or the Minden office of the MNR at 286-1521.

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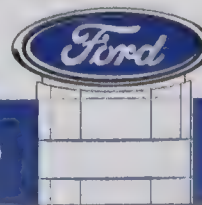
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Charges follow Somerville raid

A Somerville woman has been arrested after an OPP raid revealed over \$200,000 worth of drugs and stolen items.

On January 31, members of the Ontario Provincial Police Street Crime Unit, the Kawartha Combined Forces Drug Unit and Victoria County OPP executed a search warrant on a property on Shuttleworth Road in Somerville Township. Police found several pieces of stolen equipment and a large quantity of drugs. The items included a backhoe, a boat and motor, trailer, an all terrain vehicle, and a generator.

As well, a large amount of marijuana and hash oil were discovered. Police valued the drugs at \$15,000. A handgun and rifle were also seized from the residence.

Donna Churchill, 41, of Somerville Township, was arrested at the scene. Churchill, currently in custody, will be charged with various counts of stolen property, production of marijuana, and drug trafficking, as well as unsafe storage of firearms, unauthorized possession of a weapon.

An arrest warrant has also been issued for 46 year-old Gordon Churchill of Somerville Township. The investigation is ongoing.

Alzheimer services offered in Kinmount

-submitted-

The Alzheimer Society of Victoria County, has announced the opening of a new satellite office at the Kinmount and District Health Centre.

The Society will be offering full client services, such as assessment, planning and referrals, as well as educational sessions for Alzheimer disease and other related dementias. This new initiative will be offered on a weekly basis at the Health Centre as a complement to the medical services of Dr. Elena Mihu.

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Four car and deer accidents reported in Haliburton County

The following items were compiled by the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Four vehicle accidents involving deer in the past week have been reported. Two on Highway 35, one on Highway 118 near Brady Lake, and another on Elephant Lake Road in Dysart Township. Please use caution

when driving.

On January 31, at midnight, police investigated a single vehicle accident on the Blairhampton Road in Minden Township.

An 18 year-old male from Minden Township was eastbound on Blairhampton Road when the driver lost control of the Cadillac on a curve. The vehicle went off the road, into a steep ditch,

down the embankment and crashed into some trees.

An ambulance crew was called to the scene and transported the driver to Minden Hospital, where he was treated and released with minor injuries. The male was charged with careless driving.

Woman arrested

Members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the OPP arrested a Guilford woman, on an outstanding warrant on January 29.

Wendy Duda, 39, of Guilford was arrested on Maple Avenue in Haliburton Village. The warrant had been issued in relation to an incident for which she was charged in November of 1999. Duda was transported to the Lindsay jail, where she was being held until a court appearance on February 2.

Snowmobile accident

One man was uninjured after his snowmobile went through the ice in Dorset.

The man was riding a snowmobile over open water at the narrows in Dorset. It took about eight minutes for the man to get out of the water. An ambulance was dispatched, but he was not taken to hospital, as he was found to be uninjured.

January weather

by Phil Graham

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Average High	-3.7	25.3
Average Low	-14.8	5.3
Average for the Month	-9.2	15.4
Average for last January	-7.8	17.4
Highest Temp. (Jan. 2)	8.0	46.4
Lowest Temp. (Jan. 22)	-30.0	-22.0
Rain	31.8 mm	1.2 in
Snow	23.0 cm	9 in
Total Precipitation	548 mm	21.5 in
Total Precip. last January	96.2 mm	3.7 in
Snow on Ground Jan. 31	10 cm	4 in
Snow on Ground last Jan. 31	35 cm	13.7 in
Total Snowfall	55 cm	21.6 in
Days mostly Sunny	10	
Days with Snow or Rain	9	
Days with Freezing Rain	2	

January was quite a variable month. Something for everyone except snow. The first 12 days were fairly mild with rain. The rest of the month was very cold and clear but with very little snow. There was more snow on the first of the month (17 cm) than the end of the month (10 cm).

Rain on January 10 and 11 ruined most of the snow we had. Many very clear days the latter part of the month. Great night to see the eclipse with the full moon on January 20.

Let us see what February brings us. Warton Willie had his nose in it on February 2.

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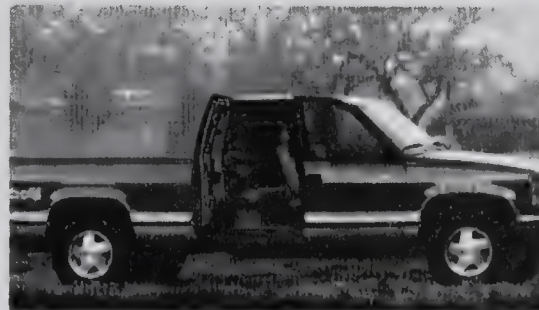
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ASES teams compete in V-ball tournaments

by Tyson Farrell, Archie Stouffer Press Club

Since November, the Grade Seven and Eight students of Archie Stouffer have been learning volleyball skills after school. On Thursday, January 13, they finally got to put their skills to the test.

They went out of town to volleyball tournaments. The boys and girls didn't go to the same place though. The boys went to Dunsford, while the girls played in Fenelon Falls.

At Fenelon, the girls played with great effort and enthusiasm, even though they ended up with a 0-4 record. Mrs. Clarke, the girls' coach, believes that the reason the girls didn't end up with greater success was that the other teams were there to win. Our team was there for the experience as it had not played other teams and also to have fun. In addition, the opponents played their six best players all of the time. We gave all of our thirteen girls court time and they were great!

Next kids show will feature local actors

-submitted-

Razzamataz Kids' Shows is thrilled to bring the modern children's classic, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to the Minden Community Centre on February 13, at 2 p.m.

Erewhon Theatre is a small company in its 27th year of providing exceptional drama to children. This will be their first visit to Haliburton County.

Erewhon is an experienced theatre company which has brought culture to schools, libraries and theatres all over Ontario. The company's popularity can be attributed to its high performance standards, fine sets and visual effects, innovative theatrical concepts and reliability.

This tall tale, which relates the effects of selfishness and greed, has become a favourite of children and adults alike. Set in a fabulous chocolate factory, this humorous play makes a poignant statement about the importance of honesty and humility. Masks, mime, fantastical props and exciting characterizations make *Charlie* an excellent introduction to the world of theatre.

A unique opportunity will be available to 10 children. Erewhon Theatre has created *Charlie* as a participation event that will use audience members to play pivotal roles in the performance. This is a terrific opportunity for interested children to be directed by, and perform on stage with an experienced actor/director, a rare experience in today's drama world! If your child is interested in being one of our actors for this show, please call Chere Campbell at 754-1565 by February 11. We will draw the names from a hat to choose actors. Performers will need to arrive prior to the performance at 1:15 p.m. to prepare for the show.

This third show in the 1999/2000 Razzamataz Kids' Shows series is sponsored by Dollo's IGA Minden, Westside Jug City, IDA Minden, and Floyd Hall Insurance Brokers. We are grateful for their financial support in assisting us to bring delightful performances to the children of Haliburton County.

Tickets for the show can be purchased at the door for \$8 per person, with children under 2, free. For further information call Karen at 457-1311.

Meanwhile, at Dunsford, the boys also played four games. They started by playing Bobcaygeon, who did well, but not well enough to beat Minden.

In their second game, against Langton, the boys played with great skill and soon had their second victory.

Unfortunately, the Minden boys didn't have the same luck during their next two games, losing close contests to Dunsford and Ridgewood.

Brendan Farrell commented, "We played our best during the first two games. I believe we got excited and didn't play as well during the last two, which eventually cost us."

Coach Tom Dawson said, "ASES is a great team. The boys were co-operative and always willing to learn."

Mr. Dawson and Mrs. Clarke hope to coach volleyball at Archie Stouffer Elementary School again next year. Mrs. Clarke would like to have the girls play against other schools more often, so they can be better prepared for tournaments.

All of the students who played volleyball at ASES thank Mr. John Hill and Mr. Terry Clarke for donating their time and materials when printing school names and numbers on the team uniforms.

Lastly, way to go teams!

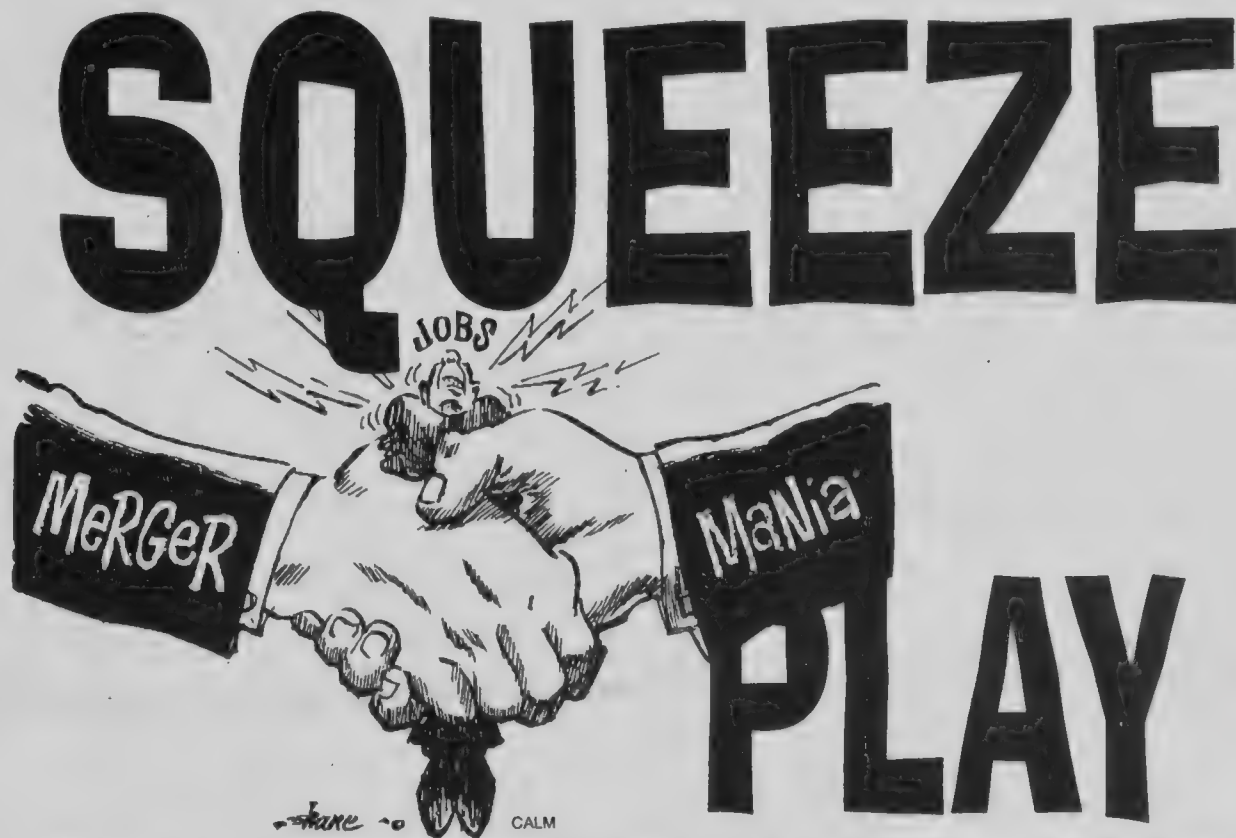
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Outstanding issues

The outstanding issues include:

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- Protections against contracting out
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We truly believe our position in bargaining has been fair and reasonable.

We are simply looking for wages and working conditions which are comparable to our counterparts

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Money spent on legal fees could have gone to a settlement

We believe the Township has chosen - ill-advisedly - to spend large amounts of money on legal fees, instead of negotiating a settlement that is fair and reasonable.

On February 17, we will return to bargaining with the help of a Conciliator from the Ministry of Labour.

It is our sincere hope that the Township will bargain in good faith at that time in order to avoid an escalation of this labour dispute.

Please remind your Township of Anson, Hindon and Minden Councillor

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A message from your Township of Anson, Hindon and Minden employees,
CUPE Local 4286

Board considers continuing education programs

The following report is a summary of some of the items discussed at the January meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board committee in Minden.

Vice Principal of Continuing Education, Ward Levine, made a presentation to the committee, explaining two partnership programs in which the board is involved that focus on co-operative education and apprenticeship programs.

The Rural Youth Job Strategy is a partnership between the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Ministry of Education and the school board. It creates an opportunity for funding which increases the potential for co-op student placements. "The money we received this year was to reduce transportation costs," Levine explained, as Trillium Lakelands received \$23,500, an increase from the \$16,000 that had been requested. This year the number of co-op students had risen to 580, up 8 per cent over last year. Levine noted that in the future, the program will target several areas of employment, including tourism, hospitality, agriculture, forestry, education, health and geriatric care. "These are the areas we need to expand," said Levine.

As well, Levine explained the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. This program is co-ordinated through the Ministry of Education and the school board, to help promote the apprenticeship program and focus on a variety of career opportunities. There is also a need to increase the number of skilled tradespeople in Ontario, as there is a "pending shortage" according to Levine, in a number of fields. He noted that the average age of most skilled tradespeople is between 47-55.

In this program, students can earn credits toward their Ontario Secondary School Diploma, earn money and complete part one of the basic in-school portion of their apprenticeship. This year the school board received \$75,000 for the program which allows stu-

dents to learn about becoming general machinists, carpenters, cooks/chefs, and millwrights.

Levine noted that although funding has been generous over the last couple of years, it is uncertain if there will be future provincial funding, and that the school board may have to develop a self-sustaining program.

Long range enrollment forecast

The school board also heard a report on the future enrollment of the district. Bill Code, of the Urban Analysis Group, explained the highlights of the recent long range enrollment forecast, written by his company, which looked at the elementary and secondary statistics, up to the year 2013.

The study indicated that the elementary should increase to 15,700 in 2003 to 16,550 in 2008 and 17,221 in 2013. A growth rate, based on information projected by the Ministry of Finance, suggests a 1.5% annual growth rate for both Muskoka District and Victoria County and a 1.0% rate for Haliburton County. As the population will increase in some specific areas, several boundary changes for schools in Victoria County and the District of Muskoka were suggested by Code.

At the secondary school level, the population will move from 7251 in 1998 to 7061 in 2003, 7097 in 2008 and 7062 in 2013. This drop in growth is affected by the loss of the OAC level in Secondary Schools.

The actual capacity, based on permanent facilities allows for 6,371, so in 1998 the secondary system was at a level of 112% of permanent capacity. Code noted that although Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is now at overcapacity, "The degree of crowding should decline by 2008."

Although several boundary changes and other suggestions were made in the report, the board will be listening to public input before making any decisions. The board will be discussing the information at a public meeting in Bracebridge on February 8.



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Museum co-ordinator send-off

The Minden County Town Museum gathered for a luncheon at the home of Larry Hodgson recently to say goodbye to Susan Lowery and to wish her well in her new job at the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton.

Susan was the Minden Museum's co-ordinator during the past year and because of her talents and expertise brought many new ideas and innovations to the program. Museum board members said her contributions will certainly be missed.

On hand for the farewell lunch were, from the left committee members Diane Welborn, John Hulbig, Jeanne Anthon, Linda Lickiss, the guest of honour Susan Lowery, Gord Graham, Dianne Graham and Larry Hodgson. Committee members who were unable to attend included Clayton Cameron, Brian Moore, Daryl Moore, Freda Hulbig, Jean and Ken Bowron.



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Housing policy helps the homeless

Every day too many Canadians struggle to find shelter because they have no home. The harsh winter months make this tragedy even more poignant, underscoring the need for adequate housing.

Homelessness is a troubling and complex problem, one that is not going to be solved overnight, or by a single level of government. It is an issue that requires co-operation and partnerships, among governments, municipalities, the private sector and the volunteer sector. Partnership is the essence of a new strategy that the federal government has introduced to fight the problem of homelessness. This strategy will receive \$753 million in federal funding over the next three years.

Our strategy for dealing with homelessness is based on several principles. They include: responding to urgent needs; improving services so people can move from the street to more secure and stable lives; and implementing strategies that prevent homelessness over the longer term.

The cornerstone of our strategy is the Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative, which we are launching with an investment of \$305 million over the next three years. This initiative has been shaped by the experience, success and knowledge of those who are on the front lines fighting homelessness. Its aims will be to:

- Provide funding to help support the development and implementation of local solutions to fight homelessness.

- Help communities identify service gaps and develop a seamless web of support and services so that people can move from the street to more secure and stable lives.

- Promote the exchange of ideas and information on what works in the battle against homelessness.

In addition, following recommendations by our community partners, the federal government will be providing \$170 million over the next three years to enhance existing programs which have been successful in fighting homelessness. These include programs for

youth at risk, and the Shelter Enhancement Initiative, which provides grants to repair and improve existing shelters for women and children who are victims of family violence.

The government of Canada will also be investing an additional \$268 million in the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program which will more than double the current budget available for renovations. This

funding will also be used to improve existing housing facilities and create new affordable housing for low-income Canadians, including the homeless.

Additionally, the federal government will also set aside \$10 million to make surplus federal property available for housing on an exceptional basis.

The federal government's action on homelessness, which builds on existing programs and creates the new Supporting Communities Partnership Initiative, is a major step towards reducing and preventing homelessness. Our approach was developed with the input of communities from coast to coast. And while there is still much work to be done when it comes to confronting homelessness, by working together we can build a safer, healthier and stronger country where everyone has a safe place to live.

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by John O'Reilly, MP

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Museum Coordinator

This position offers a wide variety of tasks in a friendly environment at one of Minden's key tourist attractions. The successful applicant will assist the Art Gallery/Museum Complex Administrator with the day-to-day operation of the County Town Museum. We are looking for a creative self-starter with an interest in local history and excellent public relations skills. Good computer skills are required.

This seasonal position includes weekends and is full time June through September. Additional hours are also available on a flexible part-time basis throughout the year.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their resumes to the undersigned by Friday, March 3, at 12:00 noon, clearly marked "Museum Coordinator Position".

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Residents prepare for Valentine's party

Hi everyone. Well, we heard Wiarton Willie's son saw his shadow and you know what that means: only six more weeks of winter and then we have the warm weather to look forward to.

Last week our Birthday Tea (Jan. 27) was hosted by the Lochlin Outreach group and a great crowd turned up. We enjoyed delicious goodies and a birthday cake as well. Lois Rigney played the piano and Wanda Robinson the mouth organ. What a delight listening to their music. Bessie Burk had a wonderful visit with these ladies as she hails from Lochlin. We thank you ladies for a great afternoon.

Butterscotch Honey Cereal Crunchies are baking in the oven as we write and they smell absolutely delicious, well actually they are delicious as we are eating them as we speak! Marg, Roy Nicholls and Peggy Packer have been busy this morning. Peggy is making Tri-Level Brownies. Sounds rather interesting don't you think? They are still in the oven so we will have to test them later.

At Happy Hour, (Jan. 28), we were entertained by Audrey Sedley who is a great accordionist. We thank her very much for sharing her wonderful talent with us. Over the weekend we had a wonderful time with Carl and Terry Upton and their friends including Eileen Barry's son, who by the way is a great singer. The Upton gals provided a nice lunch that was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Betty

Walkinshaw and her daughter Pat for their help, as well as the students from the Haliburton High School and the nursing staff. Again thanks to the Uptons for the wonderful music. We really enjoyed it.

Sunday morning we enjoyed Song and Praise with Olive and Weldon: it was nice to have them back with us. Monday afternoon we discussed Healthcare and Home Remedies with Janet. It was a general consensus that the old home remedies worked, but sometimes the cure was worse than the ailment!

Tuesday morning Reverend Terry Wicks and his wife provided the chapel service and wonderful spiritual music. Maraylene Welch was here with her group of Prayer Friends. Later in the day, the craft group was busy making Valentine decorations for the upcoming family dinner on February 11. Our thanks to Eric and Paul for their help.

Wednesday morning once again there was a large group at the exercise program and in the afternoon the regular card cronies got together. Later, Janet jogged a few memories with old sayings and past memories. Pub Night by the Norland Hillbillies was again another wonderful evening of song and music. We thank them so much and appreciate their dedication.

Today our Tea Party will be hosted by the Ingoldsby UCW, we are looking forward to our tea and goodies.

Birthday wishes go out to:

- Joan Evans - February 9th
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- Mattie Kivela - February 14

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Please take notice that the regular meeting of County Council set for February 23rd has been rescheduled and will take place one week earlier at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 16th, 2000.

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Public participation in this process is encouraged. The next workshops of the series will take place **February 18th and March 10th at 1:00 p.m.** at the County Council Chambers and will focus on **Environment and Settlement Pattern** issues respectively.

Anyone interested in attending or getting more information may contact the County Office at (705) 286-1333

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH PUBLIC NOTICE

File # RD-4/99

Take Notice that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Lutterworth, proposes to enact a by-law to stop up, close and convey to the abutting property owner a portion of the Old Cameron Road set out and described as follows:

Firstly: ALL and singular those certain parcels or tracts of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton described as All of the Old Cameron Road in Lot 19, Concession 7, lying south of the King's Highway No. 35, as widened, as illustrated on Deposited Plan 42404 (MTO File P-2789-28).

The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 9th day of March, 2000, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 7th day of February, 2000.

(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
Township of Lutterworth,
P.O. Box 850,
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LUTTERWORTH PUBLIC NOTICE

File # SR-11/99

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The Proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its Regular Meeting at the Municipal Office, located three miles south of Minden on Highway #35, on the 24th day of February, 2000, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

Dated at the Township of Lutterworth this 24th day of January, 2000.

(Ms.) Mary Jane Irwin, A.M.C.T.,
Clerk-Treasurer,
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Around the County Town

by Nora Snyder (call 286-4450; email <mindenhouse@on.aibn.com>)

A great way to start another month. The Times publisher Jack Brezina has won the coveted Mary Knowles Award for Community Service. The Award is offered to the worthy recipient from the Ontario Community Newspapers Association. I can't think of a more worthy winner than Jack. He is so involved in our community. Jack works hard for us all in areas affecting many aspects of our lives. Most recently he has been active supporting fund-raising for the building of our hospitals and instrumental in making sure we got a health facilities. I know there are so many things Jack does. This is an informal congratulations to him and I haven't researched the long list of his accomplishments. I just know he deserves this award!!

Of course you knew I was on the Internet before I wrote about it here last week. You are no doubt more observant than I and saw my email address in the heading of the column!! I did not notice it and therefore did not see that the address was incorrect. It has now been corrected so please feel free to get in touch with me that way with news items etc.

I am having fun with it as I discover friends who are in the system also. My friend in Ohio (the one who I quoted singing the praises of our county and the people in it) sent me a message today wishing me Happy Ground Hog Day!! So many of you told me how much you appreciated her words!!

I have received word that Judith and Don MacKay were in a serious car accident in the Peterborough area a few weeks ago. It will be a slow recovery but they are doing well. Best wishes to you both!!

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group holds its next meeting on Wednesday, February 9 at the Minden Public Library at 7:00 p.m. HHGG has decided to call this a "Can We Help You" meeting; especially geared to help members solve the inevitable research problems. Those present will try to answer some of the puzzles, questions and queries that family history re-

search tends to raise, while they too pick up some helpful hints. Members are invited to bring their research successes and their sense of humour to this relaxed evening. As always with HHGG, the emphasis is on fun. Visitors welcome.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for your kind words in your publication.

St. Paul's Anglican Church is holding a Country Kitchen Dinner on Friday, February 11 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. A roast pork dinner will be served with vegetables, dessert, tea and coffee. Adults are \$8, children under 12, \$4. The proceeds raised from this dinner are going toward the church's building fund. The dinner is replacing the funds normally raised during the Dog Sled Races.

Well, winter sports have finally arrived in our area. It was great to see the ice car racers on the front page of *The Times* last week. I have heard snowmobiles whiz by the front door. Winterfest over in Haliburton on the weekend. Curling. Skating. Lots of things happening. All we missed were the Dog Sleds which was a sad loss, but I guess it wouldn't have happened this year anyway due to weather. The biggest problem this winter seems to be drains freezing; not enough snow for insulation. I've heard of a lot of people with the problem, including myself.

Wishing you another good week as we head into the last true winter month of cold, snow etc.. Then it is March!!

SCORING NEWS

On Thursday, January 27, at Home Support, they played Swiss Pairs at Duplicate Bridge. The two winning pairs were Mayme Douglas with Vera Carnochan and Maria with Nick Lehoczky.

Last Tuesday afternoon at Stanhope, playing Contract Bridge, one small slam was bid and made by Dorothy Thayer and Ross Fletcher. The high scorers were: Stan Hill in third place with 4450; Ross Fletcher in second

with 4510; and Muriel McIntosh, first with 4760. Last week the special award was the E.F.T.F. and this week it is the W.I.T.F. Award, won, in spectacular fashion, by Morris Hansen!!

The final Bridge scores of the week were from the Wednesday Duplicate afternoon at Parklane. Joan Galley and Mike Collins were first with 61%; Nick and Maria Lehoczky, second with 59%; Vera Carnochan and Mayme Douglas, third with 58%.

Another set of scores from January 27 was for Euchre at the Minden Legion. Carol Hill and Ann Baker won most lone hands. Mary Wilson and Ed Hisson won the high scores. Marie Dennie and Orval Francis were the low scorers. Other prizes were won by Helen Lee, Georgina Parkes and Lois Adamson.

Then last Tuesday afternoon, playing Senior's Bid Euchre, the high scores were taken by Debbie Grills, Norm Lee, Len Kroes and Ann Baker. Elva Paisley found the hidden score. Lots of moonshots: Debbie Grills (2); Ida Young; Rob Evans; Gladys Wruth; Verna McDonald; and Sharon Evans.

The Friendship Club at St. Paul's last Monday afternoon saw Gladys Wruth win the lone hands. Katie Parker was high man for the second week in a

row(?). Isabel Cherwenka was high woman and Laura Carnegie was low. Isabel Cherwenka went on to win the 50/50 draw also.

From Gelert last Tuesday evening, come these Euchre scores: Betty Curry was high and Audrey Vick was low for the women. Harold Harvie and Gerald Hicks were high and low for the men. George Bartley won lone hands and John McMillan won the 50/50 draw.

From up Stanhope way: first last Monday evening at Club 35, Fred Gregory won the 50/50 draw. Marilyn Teljeur won lone hands. Barbara Gamble was high woman and Bill Jordan was high man. Josie Chessman and Alf Whyman got the low scores. Fred Gregory won the baloney and Alf Whyman was presented with the special award of the evening

Then the Bid Euchre scores from Stanhope played on Wednesday evening: lots of moonshots to Edith Burch, Bill Milford, Gala Stamp, Jean Dutka, Lottie Ruttan, Ken Wallace and Don Burch. The high scorers were Alf Whyman and Lorrie Ruttan tied with 224, Bob McConnell, the Birthday Boy, with 230, Norm Lee, 250, Len Kroes, 260 and the top score went to Marjorie Cowen with 266.

Good Luck at the tables for the week!! See you here next week!!

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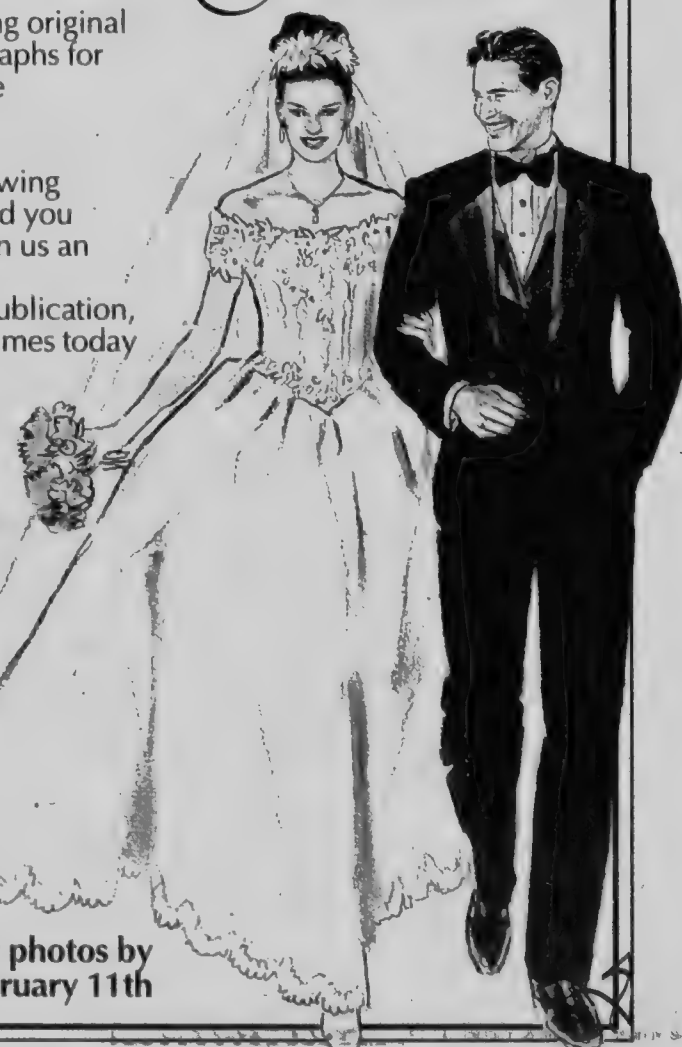
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To Daisy:
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Day,
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Lotsa, Lotsa, Lotsa,
Love, Johnny.

LEGAL NOTICES

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This is due notice by law to in-
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To the Minden Legion and all the
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Special thanks to Gord Monk for
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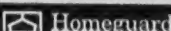
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Lois M. McKnight.

AT REST

LOUCKS Phyllis Irene

Peacefully at the Plummer Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste Marie, with her family by her side, on Tuesday, February 1, 2000 in her 55th year. Loving mother of Kevin Kylie (Claudia), Tim Kylie and Kristen Jordan (Mark). Proud grandma of Tavish. Dear sister of Barbara, Foster, Leon, Orie and Albert. Phyllis will be sadly missed by her cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Friends called at the Arthur Funeral Home, Thursday, February 3, 2000 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held from Echo Bay United Church on Friday, February 4, 2000 at 2 p.m., Rev. Bryan Lapier officiated. Spring interment Ingoldsby Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Echo Bay United Church Building Fund or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

MILLIGAN Cecil Irwin

Peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, February 1st, 2000 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of the late Madeline (nee Rose). Dear father of Reta and her husband Walter Crofts of Ingoldsby, Kathleen Hurst of Woodbridge, Muriel and her husband Donald Stalker of Florida, Wayne and wife Barbara of Ingoldsby and predeceased by Shirley. Father-in-law of Wilfred Hogg of Bowmanville. Dear grandfather of Judy, Jennifer, Gary, Louise, Valerie, George, Mitchell, Lon, Shawn, Angela, Wendy, Robert and predeceased by Richard. Great grandfather of Laura, Erica, Sandra, Tammy, Steven, Kelly, Nicole, Brian, Vance, Lindsay, Alexandra, Miles, Jasmin, Kayla, Madison, Jesse and 15 step-grandchildren. Dear brother of Raymond, Edgerton, Agnes Abar and predeceased by Carl, Gerald, Greta and David. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 7-9 p.m. Thursday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday, February 4th, 2000 at 2 p.m. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

DREWELL Donald Albert

It is with deep sorrow the family announces the quick passing of Don Drewell on Tuesday, February 1, 2000 at 70 year of age. Beloved and devoted husband of the late Iris Drewell. The loving step-father of Ritva Rasmussen (Hans-Erik), the late Sirpa Christensen (John), Don Drewell Jr., (Carol) and Kari Manner. Dear Grandpa Don to Pirjo, Paula, Leila, Liisa and Karen and great-grandchildren Joel, Kerri, Tina, Charlene and Justin. Dear brother of Wynn Rousse (Ron), Norm (June), Mick, Geoff and Stan all of England. Don was born in North London, England and immigrated to Canada in 1956. He married his beloved Iris in 1963. Don worked for Imperial Optical as head of the custom frame department for over 25 years. In his retirement years, Don and Iris enjoyed their cottage. Days consumed with golf at Sturgeon Point along with curling and bridge. Don had a great sense of humour, loved people and was loved in return. Don's family and many friends will miss him greatly. A private cremation has taken place. A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held in May (date to be announced) at the Illman-Platten Funeral Home, Fenelon Falls Chapel. If desired, donations to the Scarborough Grace Hospital, Toronto would be great appreciated.

"Appy Dyes, Dad"

WOODS

Frances Margaret

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2000. In her 68th year. Beloved wife of the late Victor Sherwood Woods. Dear mother of Darren Victor Thomas Woods, Victor James Malcolm Woods and his wife Nadine. Loving grandmother of Kristin, Michael and Morgan. Dear sister of Barbara, Jim (Wanda), Bill (Blythe), Gloria (Glenn), Joy (Ken), Neil (Sheila), Bob (Mary Jane), Ben (Elsie) and Merrie (Merrill). Fondly remembered by brother-in-law Orville Woods, sister-in-law Audrey Woods and by her friends Lorna Scheffee, Doug Scheffee and Darlene Fearrey. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, February 5th, 2000 at 11 a.m. Cremation. Spring Interment at the 12 Mile Lake Cemetery. Reception to follow at the West Guilford Community Centre. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

GILBERT Mervin Charles

Passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2000 after a courageous battle with cancer. In his 78th year. Beloved husband of Ruby (nee Wruth) of Lochlin. Dear father of Bryce and his wife Valerie, Rhonda and her husband Mervyn Rivers, Bradley, Daryl and his wife Jeanette and predeceased by his son Brynell. Loving grandfather of Tina (Chad), Wayne, Pamela, Michelle (Blair), Darnell, Darren, Amanda, Jeremy, Aaron, Samuel and great grandfather of Kevin, Craig and Randi. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden on Friday, February 4th, 2000 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. In keeping with Mervin's wishes, a Private Family Graveside Service and Interment will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery in the spring. Memorial Donations to the St. Joseph's Palliative Care Unit, Peterborough would be appreciated by the family.

IN MEMORIAM

MOULTON, Bryan Allan - In loving memory of my dear Husband, who passed away on February 9th, 1999. He is much missed by his family and friends both here and on the Isle of Man. "Traa dy liooar. Soie sheese as tow aash" (Manx saying: 'Time enough. Sit down and take your rest.')

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